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December 12, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: JCS - General Krulak
ISA - Admiral Blouin
CIA - Mr. Colby
AID - Mr. Poats
USIA - Mr. Wilson

SUBJECT: Viet-Nam: Draft Memorandum for the President

As a result of the Cabinet level meeting at the Department of State on December 6, 1963, a number of actions regarding Viet-Nam have been set in motion. We are not at this time prepared to go to the President for a decision on any of these matters. Nevertheless, we feel that an interim report to the President telling him where we now stand with respect to actions directed under NSAM 273 is required. We would propose therefore, if you agree, to send forward to the White House the attached memorandum, leaving it to the White House to decide whether it should be a basis for a meeting with the President or simply passed to him for information.

Your particular attention is invited to the statement in the first paragraph of Annex B that the substance of that annex is being sent to Ambassador Lodge for execution unless he has serious objection. Your agreement to sending such a message is also requested. Please call your clearance or comments to Mr. Mendenhall (182-3683) in my absence.

Roger Hilsman

Attachment:

Draft Memorandum for the President

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5(b)
Department of State Guidelines
By MMK NARA, Date 3/27/97

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